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within one (1) day after the adjournment of the Regular or Called Session."

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1972, at which election the ballots shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to provide annual salaries of \$8,400 for members of the Senate and House of Representatives."

Adopted by the House on May 29, 1971: Yeas 105, Nays 30, and 1 present not voting; House concurred in Senate amendments on May 31, 1971: Yeas 118, Nays 17; adopted by the Senate, as amended, on May 31, 1971: Yeas 23, Nays 8.

Signed by the Governor June 1, 1971.

## PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION COMMISSION—REPORT—1974 CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

H. J. R. No. 61

Proposing an amendment to Article XVII of the Constitution of the State of Texas, to provide that the 63rd Legislature elected in November 1972, establish a constitutional revision commission and act as a constitutional convention to propose a revised Constitution to the voters of Texas, retaining the Bill of Rights of the present Constitution.

*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

Section 1. That Article XVII, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended by adding a Section 2 to read as follows:

"Section 2. (a) When the legislature convenes in regular session in January, 1973, it shall provide by concurrent resolution for the establishment of a constitutional revision commission. The legislature shall appropriate money to provide an adequate staff, office space, equipment, and supplies for the commission.

"(b) The commission shall study the need for constitutional change and shall report its recommendations to the members of the legislature not later than November 1, 1973.

"(c) The members of the 63rd Legislature shall be convened as a constitutional convention at noon on the second Tuesday in January, 1974. The lieutenant governor shall preside until a chairman of the convention is elected. The convention shall elect other officers it deems necessary, adopt temporary and permanent rules, and publish a journal of its proceedings. A person elected to fill a vacancy in the 63rd Legislature before dissolution of the convention becomes a member of the convention on taking office as a member of the legislature.

"(d) Members of the convention shall receive compensation, mileage, per diem as determined by a five member committee, to be composed of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and Chief Justice of the Court of Criminal Appeals. This shall not be held in conflict with Article XVI, Section 38 of the Texas Constitution. The convention may provide for the expenses of its members and for the employment of a staff for the convention, and for these purposes may by resolution appropriate money from the general revenue fund of the state treasury. Warrants shall be drawn pursuant to vouchers

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signed by the chairman or by a person authorized by him in writing to sign them.

"(e) The convention, by resolution adopted on the vote of at least two-thirds of its members, may submit for a vote of the qualified electors of this state a new constitution which may contain alternative articles or sections, or may submit revisions of the existing constitution which may contain alternative articles or sections. Each resolution shall specify the date of the election, the form of the ballots, and the method of publicizing the proposals to be voted on. To be adopted, each proposal must receive the favorable vote of the majority of those voting on the proposal. The conduct of the election, the canvassing of the votes, and the reporting of the returns shall be as provided for elections under Section 1 of this article.

"(f) The convention may be dissolved by resolution adopted on the vote of at least two-thirds of its members; but it is automatically dissolved at 11:59 p. m. on May 31, 1974, unless its duration is extended for a period not to exceed 60 days by resolution adopted on the vote of at least two-thirds of its members.

"(g) The Bill of Rights of the present Texas Constitution shall be retained in full."

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1972, at which election the ballots shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment providing for a constitutional revision commission which precedes the convening of the members of the 68rd Legislature or a constitutional convention in January, 1974, for the purpose of submitting to the voters a new constitution or revisions of the existing state constitution."

Adopted by the House on May 18, 1971: Yeas 108, Nays 38; passed by the Senate on May 25, 1971: Yeas 25, Nays 4.

Signed by the Governor May 29, 1971.

## PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—PUBLICATION OF NOTICE—ELECTION PROCEDURES

H. J. R. No. 65

Proposing an amendment to Article XVII, Section 1, Constitution of the State of Texas, revising provisions of the time and method of proposing amendments to the state constitution and the time and method of publishing notice of proposed amendments.

*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

Section 1. That Article XVII, Section 1, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended to read as follows:

"Section 1. The Legislature, at any regular session, or at any special session when the matter is included within the purposes for which the session is convened, may propose amendments revising the Constitution, to be voted upon by the qualified electors for statewide offices and propositions, as defined in the Constitution and statutes of this State. The date of the elections shall be specified by the Legislature. The proposal for submission must be approved by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each House, entered by yeas and nays on the journals.